

# カズン COUSIN 2

Good-bye, My Friend

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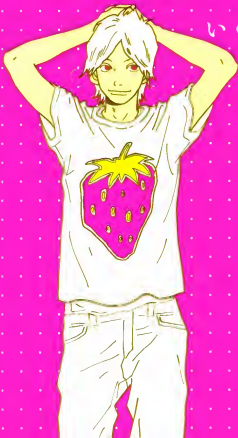


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#11  
cousin

I CAN'T  
EAT OUT.

...AND  
CHICKEN.

...SOUP WITH  
LOTS OF  
VEGGIES  
AND  
COLLAGEN...

MY DIET  
CONSISTS  
OF BROWN  
RICE...

WHEN I  
CAN'T  
STAND IT,  
I BRUSH  
MY TEETH...



AND I  
CAN'T  
EAT ANY  
SWEETS,  
NO MATTER  
HOW MUCH  
I WANT TO.

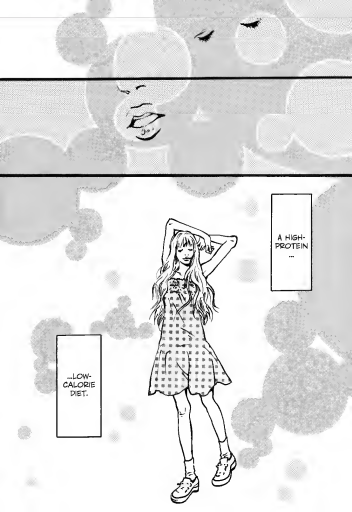
AND  
WALK

THEN,  
I  
WALK

...AND DO  
SOME  
STRETCHES

...TAKE  
A BATH...

AND WALK  
SOME MORE...



...LOW-  
CALORIE  
DIET.

A HIGH-  
PROTEIN  
...





To Stupid Shiro

Shiro  
Nori  
Takao  
Takao's  
wedding  
next month...

Oh, right.  
She's  
at work.

Hey,  
Sis!

I'll  
call  
her.

No.  
I'll text  
her!

It's Nori's  
Autograph!

To Stupid  
Nori-2



Here,  
I see!

Huh?

There's  
good  
news.

...Nori will  
also be  
attending.

Apparently,  
for Takao's  
wedding  
next month...

How  
nice  
of her.









...KINDA  
GIVES  
ME THE  
CREEPS.

THE NEW  
MANAGER  
...



OH, WELL.  
I SHOULDN'T  
GO AROUND  
JUDGING  
PEOPLE...

I DON'T  
KNOW  
WHY...

...BY THEIR  
LOOKS,  
ANYWAY.

...BUT HIS  
EYES  
BOTHER ME.





GREAT NEWS!!

HINA'S COMING! 🐾  
SHE'LL BE AT TAKAO'S WEDDING!













TSUBOMI:

I'M WATCHING  
TU AND WAS  
THINKING I WANT  
A DOG. BUT IT  
LOOKS KINDA  
TROUBLESOME.

TSUBOMI:

I REAAAALLY WANNA  
EAT SOMETHING  
SWEET RIGHT NOW!  
DO YOU LIKE SWEETS,  
MISTER NASUKAWA?

TSUBOMI:

WASN'T THE RAIN  
TODAY CRAZY?  
IT WAS CLEAR THIS  
MORNING, BUT THEN  
IT SUDDENLY STARTED  
POURING AT WORK.  
I GOT ALL SOAKED!



NASU:

I HAVE THREE  
DOGS AT HOME.  
A HUSKY, BORDER  
COLLIE, AND A MUTT.  
THEY ALWAYS  
BARK AT ME.



NASU:

YEAH, I DO.  
ESPECIALLY RED  
BEANS. I ONCE ATE  
SIX RED BEAN BUNS  
AND THREW UP.  
STUPID, RIGHT?



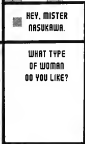
NASU:

ME TOO! I THOUGHT  
ABOUT BUYING AN  
UMBRELLA AT THE  
CONVENIENCE STORE,  
BUT JUST WENT HOME  
DRENCHED INSTEAD.



Wait.  
I've got  
something  
for you.

OK.  
Let's go  
to Gloria!



HEY, MISTER  
MASUKAWA.

I'LL TELL YOU THE NEXT  
TIME YOU DROP BY.

...AS IF  
IT WAS  
NATURAL...

...FULL  
OF CONFIDENCE...

...WHO CONTI-  
NUES  
MOVING FOR-  
WARD...

I'LL BECOME SOME-  
ONE...





# 12  
cousin



Hey,  
Bon!



...GET MY  
BODY  
INTO SHAPE...

IN  
ORDER  
TO...

...MANY  
HARDSHIPS...

...I HAD  
TO FACE...

Some people  
naturally  
have more  
fat cells  
than others.

Hey,  
Sis.

CRUNCH  
IT IT  
CRUNCH 4

You  
won't  
last.

You  
started  
on a diet?  
Forget it.

So what?  
You're on  
a diet,  
right?

I bought  
them with  
my own  
money!

Why  
can't  
I use  
what's  
in the  
fridge?

Why did  
you use  
my food,  
Mom?!

That's  
not the  
point!

What?  
You're  
on a  
diet?

What's  
with your  
attitude  
lately?!

Hey,  
Bon!

Though  
I prefer  
you plump  
and round.

Yup.  
Yup.

I'm proud  
of you,  
Teubom!

For real?  
Ha ha  
ha ha ha!

Dad...

I mean,  
good  
luck!

SERIOUSLY.

Why are  
you here?

Why  
can't I?

EVEN I...

What  
about  
you?

...FEEL LIKE  
CRYING.

Don't leave Faye!

I  
don't  
care  
if I  
die  
now!!!

He  
said  
I was  
cute!

I can't  
die  
yet!!!

No.  
no.  
no.

Wow.

You've  
gotten  
really  
cute!





It's...  
It's a  
secret...

No,  
um...

You're  
much cuter  
now that  
you've lost  
weight.

Awesome!  
So, how many  
pounds did  
you drop?

Why?  
Just  
tell me!

gulp



He's right,  
Ribeu.  
How can you  
get any  
skinner?  
You'll  
disappear!

Now  
you're  
not.

Guess  
I should  
go on  
one, too.

I'm getting  
a bit  
flabby, here.

But,  
I want  
to model  
better  
clothes!



I saw  
you in  
an ad!

That's  
right,  
Ribeu!  
You're  
a model,  
right?





Hey,  
Riteu.



I thought  
so, so  
I said it.

Huh?

Why  
can't you  
be more  
honest?



Why the hell  
would I be  
jealous of Bon?  
It's stupid.



No  
thanks.

Do you  
want  
a refill?

Say,  
"sorry."



Tell  
Bon...  
...you're  
sorry.

Shiro?

Shi-

It's  
OK! Wait!



What?



...know  
what's  
going  
on, but...

I don't  
really...

.....  
Why?

...you  
should  
apologize  
to Bor!

**カッパッ!!**  
**BAM**



I'm  
outta  
here.





What  
would  
you  
like?

Huh?

Oh...

Um...



THAT...

THAT  
WAS  
INTENSE...



Tomato  
juice,  
please



CLINK



It's their  
problem.



Don't  
worry  
about  
it.  
It's not  
your  
fault, Bon.





...been  
a while,  
hasn't  
it?



Yes?



SHOULD I SAY  
SOMETHING?

Umm...

But,  
we've  
been  
texting.

Yeah.

Six red  
bean  
buns,  
right?

Yeah.

So, it  
didn't  
really seem  
like it.

Ha ha.



But  
I held  
myself  
back.

I really,  
really  
wanted  
to come.



Why?









THAT'S  
RIGHT.

I REALLY...

I'm really  
happy...

...you  
thoughts  
of me  
that way.

You  
know,  
Bon.

...DID TRY  
MY BEST.



Hey, Bon.

You really  
tried  
your best.  
didn't you?





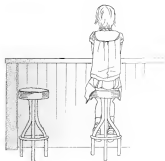
...is just  
a result  
of your  
fantasies.



I'm sure  
that what  
you see  
in me...

Am I  
right?





# 13  
cousin

...HOW I  
GOT HOME  
THAT NIGHT.

I CAN'T  
REMEMBER...







WHAT  
WAS  
THAT?

WHAT  
HAPPENED?

WAS I...



WAS THAT...

...JUST  
REJECTED?



I ALMOST  
FORGOT...

I DO  
SOMETHING  
BAD TO  
SHIRO.

OH, RIGHT.









Hey,  
Bon!

I'm really  
sorry  
about  
today!

~~~~~  
~~~~~  
~~~~~



HI PLINCH

BOOO!



CALLER  
SHIRO

BOOO!

Hello?



It's fine.  
Don't worry  
about it.

No,  
it's not.

I made  
Ritsuu  
angry.

That's  
my line.



Hello?

Any  
progress?

How did  
it go?

So?

What  
are you  
saying?

Geez! And here  
I wanted to watch  
over you today!







...IS JUST  
A RESULT  
OF YOUR  
FANTASIES.

I'M SURE  
THAT WHAT  
YOU SEE  
IN ME...





Should've  
guessed...



EINO KATAKURA

SUBJECT: ARE YOU OK?

HEY! HOW'S YOUR  
DIET GOING?



THIS  
IS THE  
WORST...

I EVEN  
SLEPT WITH  
MAKEUP ON.



I've  
caught  
a cold...

I'm sorry,  
but I can't  
come in  
today.

Hello.  
This is  
Shirakawa.

Yes,  
I'm sorry.  
I will.

Thank  
you...









And try  
to get to  
understand  
the other  
person.

...get the  
other  
person to  
understand  
you.

What  
you need  
to do  
now is...

That's  
only  
for your  
own  
benefit,  
right?

Trying  
your  
best to  
lose  
weight.

Do you  
get it?

...what  
does that  
have to  
do with  
the other  
person?

I mean,  
that's  
good  
and all,  
but...

Meet each other  
halfway and slowly  
build a relationship.

People text  
when they're  
bored.  
They don't  
mean  
anything!

...Text  
messages.

We  
did.

We  
sent  
each  
other  
...

We had a  
relationship!

We shared  
a lot  
together!

The two  
of us!

That  
perfect  
looks  
good.

Huh?  
Then,  
just cry.

Cry as much  
as you want.  
Stupid.

I didn't  
say to  
give up!

No  
way!

I want  
one,  
too....

...like  
I want  
to cry...

But,  
Eiko.

I really  
feel...



SIGH

I  
DIDN'T  
UNDER-  
STAND  
ANY-  
THING!



You look  
depressed.

RIGHT.  
I'M STUPID.



I'M REALLY  
STUPID.



Oh, she did?

Huh?

Shirakawa suddenly called in sick today. How troublesome.



Huh?

MUMBLE

Thought so.



Not really.

Did I hit a nerve?



She and my girlfriend were classmates in high school.

No, we're not.

What?

Are you two dating or something?



UGH



Did you say something?

Manager!

Con- ing!

Nope.



Hmm.

I see.



We might break up though.

Yeah, well.







Noni's  
gonna  
be there!

Oh,  
really?

It's Noni's  
promo poster!  
You can't  
buy these!

Takao's  
wedding!

Huh?

What  
are you  
gonna  
wear?

You  
forgot  
already?

What  
happened?  
I can't  
believe it!

What?  
You've  
gotten  
fatter,  
Tsubomi!



Hmm.

But,  
I can  
see it.

I'M  
NOT FAT!

THAT WAS  
THE PAST ME!



YOU'RE  
WRONG!  
I LOST  
WEIGHT!

What?  
But,  
you're  
still fat.

FLABBY  
FLABBY  
FLABBY







FLABBY  
FLABBY  
FLABBY

WHY DON'T  
YOU PUT  
IT IN YOUR  
OWN ROOM?

IT'S 'OUZ  
SHE STUCK  
THIS IN  
MY ROOM!



IT'S OK IT'S OK IT'S OK

IT'S OK IT'S OK



DELETE  
TAKASHI NASUKAWA'S  
NUMBER?

YES

NO













Can you  
check the  
returned  
videos?

I WONDER...

NAME: TAKASHI NARUKI



Sure.



...WHAT THESE  
TEARS ARE FOR...







I  
see.

I'm out  
at the  
moment.

Umm...

WELCOME

MEMBERSHIP



Oh...



...by  
today?!



Is that  
you,  
Bon?



The  
tomato  
juice.

Huh?



Yes...



A cartoon illustration of a person's head and shoulders. The person has a large, round head and is looking down with a sad expression. They are wearing a simple, light-colored shirt. The text "I'm sorry" is written in a simple, sans-serif font above the person's head.

*You left  
without  
paying  
for it.*

*The  
tomato  
juice.*

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10

Hey, Son.

What?  
But...  
Still...

I don't need it.

It was a joke.

Spill...

I didn't need it. It was a joke.

I didn't need it. It was a joke.

I'm listening.

H!!!





ACK!!



...IT'S PROBABLY  
NOTHING TO  
MISTER NASUKAWA.



EVEN THOUGH  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THIS  
JUST HAPPENED  
TO ME...

# 15  
cousin

REALLY  
FAR AWAY.

HE  
FEELS  
FAR.

REALLY

SO FAR  
THAT I'M  
SCARED.





...AND TRY  
TO MEET  
HALFWAY?

WHY NOT  
USE THAT  
WILLPOWER  
OF YOURS...



AND  
TRY TO  
GET TO  
UNDERSTAND  
THE OTHER  
PERSON.

GET THE  
OTHER  
PERSON TO  
UNDERSTAND  
YOU.

DO YOU  
GET IT?



MEET EACH OTHER  
HALFWAY AND  
SLOWLY BUILD A  
RELATIONSHIP.



...YOUR  
butt?

He  
touched...

*That  
still  
counts as  
touching!*



...it  
was more  
like a  
light pat.

Well,  
rather  
than  
touch...



It's  
Matsui-  
shige.

*Shige-  
matsu  
did it!*

*That  
damn  
perverted  
manager!!*

Keep  
it down.



He  
did it!

Oh.

Did  
he do  
anything  
else?

No,  
um...

Tell me!!



*Spill it!*

It wasn't  
on  
purpose,  
but...

It  
happened  
a while  
ago.

Well.

イライラ イライラ  
IRITATED



...he  
saw me  
while  
I was  
changing.



B  
A  
M

*Don't  
defend  
him!!*

Maybe he  
thought  
the room  
was empty.

...weird,  
right?!

Hey.  
You  
know  
that's  
...



YEAH.

JUST NOW.

IT FELT  
LIKE...

...I WAS  
BEING  
TREATED  
AS A GIRL.

SOMETHING  
LIKE THAT.



...HMM.



I WONDER  
WHY.



What are  
you getting  
mad at  
me for?

*I'm  
not!*



120 GRAB

So?  
What  
now?

Huh?

I won't  
do  
anything.

What,  
*what?*

About  
Miser  
Nasu-  
kawa!

You're  
eating  
too many  
fries.

Stop  
that.

I'll help  
you pick  
something  
out!

Wanna go  
shopping?

I have  
nothing  
to wear  
...

Right.  
The  
wedding...

What  
about  
*that*, then?

Huh?

So let  
me meet  
Noni, OK?!

Yeah!

Really?

Noni!

It's not  
fair to  
Rieu.

It's  
wrong.

Forget  
it.

Huh?

Not  
Now,  
but  
stop-  
ping.

Why  
not?!  
Meehie!

Not  
really.

Huh?

EVEN WHAT  
WE'RE  
DOING NOW...

...IS PROBABLY  
WRONG.

She's  
always  
so  
distant.

Does  
she  
love  
me?

That's  
how  
I feel  
so...

Well.

...I don't  
know  
anymore.

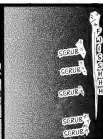
It's  
just...



**BWA HA HA HA HA**









...the  
nice  
guy-  
type!

I really  
hate...

Yes,  
yes-  
I'll be  
done  
soon.

Want  
some  
water?



Hold on.  
I'll take  
you home.



You're  
an idiot!

Yes,  
yes.



Hey,  
get up!

DRAG DRAG DRAG  
ズルズルズル...



Then,  
call your  
boyfriend.

Carry  
me like  
a prin-  
cess!



He's a stupid,  
short, XXX,  
XXX, XXX!

You  
mean,  
Shiro?  
No way!



Did you  
know her  
cousin's  
Noni Shi-  
rakawa?

Yes?

About  
Bon...

Yes?

Hey  
...



I crumpled  
it up and  
threw  
it away.



C  
H  
U  
A  
C  
K  
L  
E  
J

Shiro  
got her  
autograph.

Stupid,  
right?

I saw  
her  
on TV.  
Very  
cute!

Yeah,  
I know.



Isn't  
that  
normal?

R  
e  
a  
l  
l  
y  
y  
e



You  
think  
so too,  
right?

I'm a  
bad  
woman.



I'm  
messed  
up...

Oh.



I'm  
messed  
up!



Huh?!

How  
am I  
normal?!



Isn't  
that  
normal?

R  
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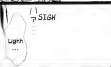
...worst  
kind of  
woman!

I'm  
the...

...have a  
ton of  
complexes!







GET THE  
OTHER  
PERSON TO  
UNDERSTAND YOU.

TRY TO GET  
TO UNDERSTAND  
THE OTHER PERSON.

MEET EACH OTHER HALFWAY..

...AND SHARE  
THINGS ABOUT  
EACH OTHER.

BUILD A  
RELATIONSHIP..

...TOGETHER..

I feel  
relaxed...

...when-  
ever I'm  
with you.

You  
know.



...WHAT  
EIKO  
TOLD ME.

FOR  
TODAY.

I GUESS  
I'LL  
REFLECT  
ON..



What?!

Yup...





# 16  
cousin







Hey!

I said,  
wait!

CLATTER  
CLATTER

Oh,  
right.

Wait  
up!



GRAB  
かじ



A  
joke?

But... How?  
why?

Actually,  
it wasn't  
a joke.

Huh?



But I was  
serious when  
I said I  
felt relaxed  
whenever  
I'm with you.

The  
manly  
act  
was a  
joke.



Sorry!

I  
mean  
it!

I'm  
really  
sorry!



Right...

PH&J

HOO?



Since we're friends!

GLENN



Leave it...

Manly act?



That you, Shiro?

Cut it out!



Hi! I'm Daichi!

Um...

Hi.

Nice to meet you...



No, I didn't!

You changed your type, huh?

She's a friend!

We're just friends!



What's up?

Your girl-friend?

Nope.

Oh, hey.





THAT  
GUY...



...WAS SCARY  
AND CREEPY.

Though  
he's Shiro's  
friend.

S  
I  
N  
K



WHO'S  
LOOKING?



My  
skin  
is  
DEAD-  
DIFUL!

Look!

S  
P  
R  
I  
N  
G



THE ONLY  
ONES...

...THAT  
DON'T  
SCARE ME...

...ARE  
SHIRO...

...AND  
MISTER  
NASUKAWA.



D  
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I  
P

THE  
MANAGER  
IS CREEPY.



AND  
SOMETIMES  
THE  
CUSTOMERS  
ARE SCARY  
TOO.



D  
R  
I  
P

FOR  
ME...

...ONLY SHIRO  
AND MISTER  
NASUKAWA...

...ARE  
NOT  
SCARY.





WHEN DID  
HE SEND THAT?

YESTERDAY?

AT FIVE?

*No way!  
Then, does  
he think I  
ignored him?  
Oh, no!!*



Worry up  
and go

What  
are you  
doing?



HUH?

HEY, BOB.  
SINCE IT'S YOU WE'RE TALKING  
ABOUT, I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT STILL  
BE BOTHERED ABOUT THE TOMATO  
JUICE AND DECIDED TO TEXT YOU.  
ACTUALLY, IT WAS BOTHERING ME  
HOW I LET YOU LEAVE LIKE THAT. IF  
IT'S ALL RIGHT, PLEASE DROP BY  
AGAIN SOMETIME. I'VE STARTED  
SERVING SWEETS. ARE YOU STILL ON  
A DIET? IT'S OK TO HAVE SWEETS  
EVERY NOW AND THEN, RIGHT?



WHY DID  
I ONLY  
SEE IT  
NOW?!

...do  
I do?!

SHOULD  
I GO?  
NO, WAIT.  
HE NEVER  
SAID, RIGHT  
AWAY.

Wh-

What...



I'M SORRY TO REPLY SO LATE. IT SLIPPED MY MIND. THE THOUGHT OF YOU THINKING ABOUT ME EVEN A LITTLE MAKES ME REALLY PR



I GOT MY HOPES  
UP AND TROUBLED  
MISTER OASUKAWA



### INSERT TEST

INSERT TEXT



MESSAGE...



...SENT!



I'LL MAKE GLORIA'S SWEETS  
MY GOAL AS I GO ON MY WALK.  
BUT, I WANT TO HANG OUT OUTSIDE  
OF THE SHOP SOMETIMES TOO!  
(STRICTLY AS FRIENDS, OF COURSE.)

Oh, my!  
You've  
gotten  
so...

OK!









Yeah, right.

Go show it off to Noni.

If I can.

Take pictures, OK?

You're cousins, right?

Yeah.



Ha ha ha!

Now I'm broke!

Don't sweat it.

Thanks for helping me, Eiko.



Oh man.

FLOP #



Not that.

About the pictures?

The going out strictly as friends reply.

Oh ...



SLURP  
SISS



So?

What about the reply?



I BOUGHT  
MY CLOTHES."

...I'M ABLE TO  
TALK WITH  
MISTER  
NASUKAWA  
NORMALLY  
AGAIN NOW.

SHIRO'S  
AN  
IDIOT,  
BUT...

AND I'M  
LOOKING  
FORWARD  
TO MEETING  
NONO.

I DON'T  
WANT IT  
TO END...

...LIKE  
THIS.

I DON'T  
WANT IT  
TO END.

# 17  
cousin







What happened?

Huh?

Huh?  
Why?

I quit today.

Sexual harassment?

You ...

The manager  
pissed me off!

He  
touched  
the female  
staff.

He even  
touched  
Bon's butt  
and saw  
her undress!

Tanaka  
said  
so, too.

What  
a perv!

Today he  
harassed  
Tanaka  
about her  
boyfriend.

*What  
number  
is he?  
You're the  
demanding  
type, right?  
How many  
times this  
week?*

Creepy,  
right?

*No way!  
Every time  
you meet.  
That's  
not sex!*

How  
stupid.





Ha  
ha  
ha  
ha  
ha!

Guess  
I had it  
coming,  
huh? I got  
fired.

When I  
complained  
about it,  
we got  
into an  
argument.



So you  
got mad  
for Bon  
and then  
got fired  
...

...huh.



Yeah!

He  
touched  
Bon's  
butt?



It's not  
what you  
think.

I'm  
just a  
normal  
woman.



I didn't  
get mad  
for Bon.

I  
would've  
done the  
same  
for you.

Really?

Umm  
...





Um...  
Ri-  
sau?

Of course  
I'd get angry  
when my  
boyfriend's  
thinking of  
why  
can't you another  
understand? girl!



Just  
why...  
can't you  
under-  
stand?



I heard  
it from  
Daichi.

You were  
with Bon,  
right?





You  
can  
have it  
back.

.....



We  
... were  
...  
just  
eating  
...

Why  
can't you  
understand?!

BAM





SHIRO'S...



...PROBABLY  
JEALOUS  
OF ME NOW.

OH, RIGHT.  
I'LL TAKE  
A PICTURE  
FOR HIM.

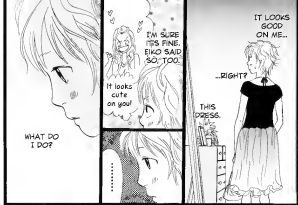
I'M  
GOING  
TO  
WEAR  
THIS...

HEH  
HEH.

...AND  
GO  
MEET  
NON!



.....



...MAKES ME REALLY  
WANT TO MEET HIM..

DRESSING UP LIKE THIS..





What's  
up?

Huh?



Today's  
my day  
off.

Sure.  
Now's  
fine.

That's  
right.



They're  
strays.

No,  
not  
mine.

Yeah.

Now?

I'm  
feeding  
cats.



Theme  
park,  
zoo, or  
aquarium?



It's fine.  
Really.

Ha  
ha ha.  
You're  
really per-  
sistent.

Have you  
decided?

So?



*I want  
to see  
the cats!*



...until  
you come.

Then,  
I guess  
I should  
keep them  
here...

Hmm.



STRICTLY,  
AS. FRIENDS.

STRICTLY...

STRICTLY  
AS FRIENDS!

...AS  
FRIENDS.

...IS NOT  
ALLOWED!!

LOVE  
...

Long  
time no  
see!

...AND  
I ARE  
JUST  
FRIENDS.

MISTER  
NASUKAWA



Yes!

No, um...

OK!

I'll take you back later, OK? I see!

My place is really close by.

It's final!

Sorry about that.

I could have picked you up.

NOT GONNA HAPPEN.



Your clothes are very cute.

You seem energetic today.

Yes!

No, I'll eat.

Want to get something to eat?

Oh, wait. You're on a diet, right?



I wore my suit for my elementary entrance ceremony a day before, too.

THAT'S NOT EXACTLY THE SAME...

I get it.

DID I MESS UP?

It's for my cousin's wedding.

Umm...



I'm glad  
to see  
you're well.

Hey,  
Bon.



JUST AS  
I THOUGHT.



...HARDER THAN  
I THOUGHT...

THIS MIGHT...

...TURN OUT TO BE...



Whoa...

Looks  
old,  
right?

It has  
a nice  
ambiance.  
So cool.

Come  
on in.

I'M GOING IN...

#18  
cousin



...MISTER  
NASUKAWA'S  
HOUSE!





Unless I get fired...

Huh?  
Yeah, probably.

Are you going to keep working at the rental store?

Shiro told me he quit...

I'M GLAD...

...THAT I CAME.

Why?

You didn't know?

Yeah.

Oh...

Huh?

Who knows?  
P

Up we go.

HE COULD HAVE...

STILL

...AT LEAST TEXTED ME.

I see ...

OH, WELL. I'LL JUST ASK HIM TOMORROW.

WHY DID HE TELL MISTER NASUKAWA AND NOT ME?

He dropped by late last night, rented, and went home.



I FEEL  
RELAXED...

NOW...

I'M NOT  
SURE HOW  
I FEEL  
ANYMORE.

...WHENEVER  
I'M WITH YOU.

WHY?

FORGET IT!  
JUST  
FORGET IT!

WHY AM  
I THINKING  
ABOUT  
SHIRO NOW?

I'M  
SUCH  
AN  
IDOT.

You must  
be looking  
forward  
to the  
wedding.

THE SHACKLES  
I PUT ON MY  
HEART ARE HEAVY.

...NOT THE  
TIME TO  
THINK ABOUT  
LOVE!



Sing?  
Dance?

No way!

Huh?

What are you going to do?

I ain't it?!

That's great.

Yeah!  
Noni's gonna be there!  
Remember?  
She's my...

Your cousin, right?



Yup!

Showing off?



I'm gonna send him a pic!



Still, you just can't hate the guy.



Huh?

He's sure a weird one.

I haven't seen her since we were really little.

I see.

I bet Shiro really wanted to go too, right?



CHUCKLE?



W H O O S E ?

He has a one-track mind?

How should I put it?



OH, MAN. WE'RE BACK TO SHIRO AGAIN.



How long  
have you  
lived here?

Hmm.

Around  
four  
years?



You  
mean he's  
*simple-  
mind-  
ed?*

You  
said it,  
not  
me!



A little  
big for  
one  
person,  
right?

Well.  
A lot's  
happened.



...OK TO  
ASK?

IS IT...



DIVORCE.



TH-THUMP

TH-THUMP



Shiro came to the front of my house once and said it looked like a *haunted house*.



Why...



...a good person, right? Probably.

Probably? Haha.

He Yeah. Is.



Shiro is...

What is it?



...DOES SHIRO KEEP COMING UP?



But  
...



Yeah.



...my first  
guy friend.

Well,  
he's a  
good  
guy.

Really?



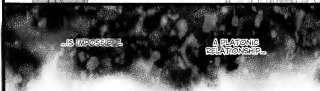
He's  
...



IS IT OK  
TO SAY IT?

It's you,  
Mister  
Nasukawa.

The one  
I like isn't  
Shiro.



I'M SO PATHETIC.

SNIPPLE

I'm really  
...  
sorry,  
Bon.

I didn't  
mean it.

...THE  
WORST.

THIS  
IS...

RUB  
RUB

GNIPPLE

1 STEP  
1 STEP  
1 STEP

I'm g-  
going sorry...  
home  
...

I have  
a kid.

You  
know,  
Bon.

FW  
FOOT  
HNNH







Whether you  
have a child or not,  
doesn't change how  
I feel about you!

What  
about you,  
Mister  
Nasu-  
kawa?

I...

I just...

...like  
you!

If I don't  
have a  
chance....

Tell me  
the  
truth.

Stop  
giving me  
excuses!



It  
isn't  
that.

Even  
if we're  
divorced  
...  
...we  
will  
always  
be his  
parents.

A guy like  
me isn't fit  
for you,  
Bon...



You're  
wrong!



You  
don't  
have a  
chance.



...then  
just  
tell me  
straight  
to my face!

Then,  
no.



...won't ever  
happen, Bon.

What  
you  
want...

It's  
impossible.

THANKS  
TO...

...THE CAT...



...HISTER  
NASUKAWA...

...DIDN'T END  
UP BEING THE  
BAD OLD MAN.



*Everyone,  
please give  
them a round  
of applause.*

*The bride  
and groom  
will now  
make their  
appearance.*

WOW...

SO  
PRETTY...

#19  
cousin

.....

THEY LOOK  
SO HAPPY  
TOGETHER...



Wonder  
if she's  
really  
coming.

Noni.

Hey.  
Hey.  
She's  
late.



HOW  
NICE...

...THE  
HAPPIEST  
WOMAN  
IN THE  
WORLD...

RIGHT  
NOW SHE'S  
PROBABLY...



TO  
STARE



UNLIKE ME...

...WHO WENT  
AND GOT  
HERSELF  
REJECTED,  
TWICE...

HA HA HA



I HAVE  
A KID.

THEN.  
NO.

I WAS  
ANNOYING,  
SO HE TOLD  
ME CLEARLY.

HE PROBABLY  
THOUGHT  
I WAS ANNOYING.

THIS TIME...

...REALLY MAKES  
IT THE END.

THERE SHOULD  
BE NOTHING LEFT  
TO WISH FOR.

RIGHT,  
RIGHT.

I WAS ABLE  
TO TELL HIM  
MY FEELINGS.

GOOD.

THIS  
IS GOOD.







NOTHING...



Long  
time  
no see.

Hello  
Uncle.  
Auntie.

I'm  
sorry  
for  
being  
late.

I'm  
sorry.

You're  
late!

Oh  
my.



Is that you,  
Teubom!?









Isn't the food delicious?



Aren't you too cute and pretty?

What?



Huh?

Aren't you too cute, Nori?



Learn it. Learn it.

Really, Tsubomi!

Please tell me your secret!

Oh, my-  
Oh no no-  
HUH?



Stop it, Sis!

Is it something you eat?

Just how do you do it?

Umm... You're being embarrassing!



OOPS.

I JUST BLURTED OUT WHAT I THOUGHT.

WONDER IF SHE'S ANNOYED.





...and covered ourselves with a white curtain.

We played *Here Comes the Bride* ...  
hee hee

Do you remember?  
The time when I went over to play.

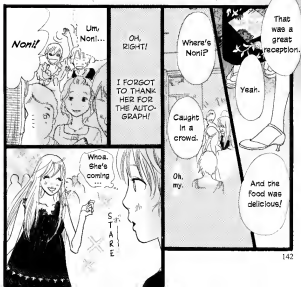


Do you think I'm old-fashioned?

Even now, my dream is to become a bride.



Huh?  
Are you OK?







I'm glad  
I met you  
again,  
Tsukomi.

**YOU'RE  
WRONG.**



You  
really  
haven't  
changed.

EVEN SO,  
I'M HERE  
SMILING.

I TRIED  
REALLY,  
REALLY HARD,  
BUT STILL  
GOT REJECTED.

I TRIED  
MY BEST.

I'VE  
CHANGED,  
NONI.

I'M NOT THE  
SAME TSUBOMI  
THAT YOU  
REMEMBER, NONI.



I'VE CHANGED...





NONI'S CELL  
PHONE WAS A  
DELICIOUS  
CHOCOLATE  
COLOR.

...THINGS  
STARTED  
GOING  
DOWNHILL.

AFTER  
THAT  
INCIDENT...



# 20  
cousin





RYOMA SHIROSHITA

AWESOME!  
YOU'RE SO CUTE!  
BUT, WHY WERE  
YOU SO STIFF?



RYOMA SHIROSHITA

BESIDES THAT, SHIRO,  
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU  
QUIT? I WAS SHOCKED  
SINCE IT WAS SO SUDDEN.  
DID YOU FIND  
A BETTER JOB?



## WANNA MEET?











That's  
not....!



What's  
...  
...a  
waste?

...a  
waste!

Huh?

Such  
...

That old fart, Nasukawa.  
He probably couldn't deal  
with having such a young  
woman chasing after him.



I'm  
leaving.

THE  
CLATTER

What?

There's  
a  
program  
I wanna  
watch.

See  
you  
later.

They can keep  
the change.

Oh  
...

OK  
...



...true  
right?

Right?



There's  
no way.

Yeah.



Rai

THAT SHIRO...

HE'S USUALLY  
ALWAYS IN A  
GOOD MOOD.

BUT HE  
SEEMED  
KINDA MOODY  
TODAY.

I EXPECTED  
HIM TO BE  
ALL EXCITED...

DID HE KNOW  
MISTER  
NASUKAWA  
HAS A KID?

I EVEN  
PLANNED TO  
TELL HIM  
ABOUT WHAT  
HAPPENED  
WITH NONI.

...BUT WHAT  
A LETDOWN.

WHAT'S  
WITH HIM?

LEAVING ALL  
OF A SUDDEN  
LIKE THAT.

WAS IT  
SOMETHING  
I SAID?

I HAVE  
NO IDEA...







.....  
.....  
.....

STUPID  
SHIRO

WHY?  
WHO?



KAGAKI  
KAGAKI  
KAGAKI

I'll  
tell  
him  
first.

It's bad  
to just  
show up.

PS  
SLAM



CLANK  
CLANK  
CLANK  
CLANK  
CLANK  
CLANK  
CLANK  
CLANK  
CLANK  
CLANK

WHY'D HE  
DO THAT?





.....

.....



Oh,  
um ...

Hello ...

H-



Go ahead.

Are you here  
to see Shiro?



Whatever  
you do is  
none of my  
business.



I  
just...

Not  
really.

Um...

I just  
came to  
grab my  
stuff.



.....  
.....  
.....



But...



OH, MAN.  
WHAT  
SHOULD  
I DO?

SHE'S  
DEFINITELY  
MISUNDERSTANDING  
SOMETHING



Even his  
wife got  
sick  
of it.

Nasu's  
kind to  
everyone.

So?

Who's  
next?  
Shiro?

Change  
your mind  
fast, huh?



I bet you  
weren't even  
serious  
about him.





DOESN'T  
MATTER.

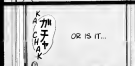
IT'S CLEAR  
THAT SHE  
HATES ME...

ドン ぽーん  
DING DONG



IS IT  
BECAUSE  
GET ALONG  
TOO WELL?

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K  
A  
K  
I  
C  
H  
I  
K  
A  
K

OR IS IT...



THE  
FACT  
THAT  
A BOY  
AND GIRL  
ARE  
FRIENDS?

Huh?

Rock



WHY DO  
I ALWAYS...

...SENSE  
SUCH  
MALICE...

...DIRECTED  
TOWARDS  
ME...

WHY  
RISKS  
WORST?

AM I  
IMAGINING  
THINGS?

IS IT  
MY FAULT?







Got it?

So there's  
no need  
to feel  
responsible.

I just  
couldn't  
stand the guy,  
that's all.

I'll say  
this first.  
It's not  
your fault.

*Rookie*

I  
knew  
it.

*Rookie*

I feel  
relaxed  
whenever  
I'm with  
you.

ト  
#  
F  
L  
O  
P

*Roo*  
CONTINUED

Got  
it.

Right.



NONI SENT  
ME A TEXT  
FROM HER  
CHOCOLATE-  
COLORED  
CELL.



You've  
got  
mail!



It's  
true.

You've  
got  
mail!



BUT, MY MIND  
WAS FILLED  
WITH OTHER  
THOUGHTS.



RIGHT  
NOW...

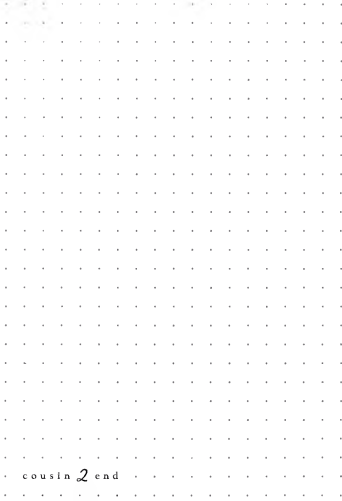
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HONEY AND  
STRAWBERRY  
SYRUP, AND  
SWIMMING  
IN MELTED  
CHOCOLATE.

THE DESSERT  
MISTER  
NASUKAWA  
ONCE MADE  
FOR ME WITH  
ICE CREAM,  
CHOCOLATE,  
CREAM AND  
FRUIT.

LIKE HOW  
I WANT  
TO EAT  
SOMETHING  
SWEET.

...I REALLY  
WANT TO  
EAT IT...





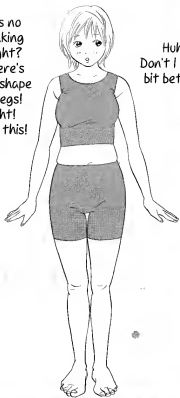
cousin 2 end

Flab is  
leaking out.  
It's also  
pretty tight...

Yeah..  
This is  
pretty bad...



There's no  
flab leaking  
out, right?  
And there's  
actually shape  
to my legs!  
All right!  
I can do this!



Huh?  
Don't I look a  
bit better?

I'm looking  
forward  
to it  
every day!



Whoo-hoo!  
Somehow,  
I even feel  
like posing a bit!

Let's do this!

Just a  
little bit  
more till  
my goal!





There's no  
such thing  
as impossible..

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